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SUBJECT: CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR REQUEST APPOINTMENTS WITH  
MCNAMARA AND SECRETARY SIMON

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1. CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR SAMBWA CALLED IN AMBASSADOR AND DCM SEPTEMBER 17 TO INFORM THEM THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAD ORDERED HIM TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES, FOLLOWING THE NEXT LONDON MEETING WITH THE PRIVATE BANKERS, TO MEET WITH IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA AND TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON. SAMBWA SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT SAW THIS TRIP AS A FOLLOW-UP TO NGUZA'S RECENT VISIT TO THE US AND AS A RESPONSE TO MCNAMARA AND PARSKY INDICATION THEY WOULD WELCOME FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. SAMBWA ALSO TOLD US THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH PRIVATE BANKERS IN NEW YORK.

2. SAMBWA WILL BE LEAVING ON SEPTEMBER 20 FOR THE LONDON MEETING. AFTER LONDON HE WILL GO TO BRUSSELS AND THENCE DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK, ARRIVING SEPTEMBER 25. HE WILL SPEND THE WEEKEND IN NEW YORK (WITH NGUZA AND MAURICE TEMPLESMAN) AND TAKE AN EARLY SHUTTLE ON SEPTEMBER 27 FOR WASHINGTON. HE WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 28 WHERE HE WILL LUNCH WITH PRIVATE BANKERS AND LEAVE THAT EVENING FOR MANILA. HE MUST BE AT THE IMR/IBRD MEETINGS IN MANILA BY SEPTEMBER 30 AT THE LATEST.

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3. SAMBWA HAS ASKED US, THEREFORE, TO (A) ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY SIMON AND (B) TO USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH THE WORLD BANK TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH MCNAMARA (SAMBWA IS ALSO CONTACTING LOCAL IBRD REP HERE). SAMBWA SAID THAT WHILE THESE WERE THE TWO APPOINTMENTS THE PRESIDENT HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO MAKE, HE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO MEET WITH EXIM, STATE AND OTHER OFFICIALS IF THEY WISH.

4. WE SEE FOREGOING INITIATIVE AS IMPORTANT AND POTENTIALLY VERY USEFUL. AFTER BISENGIMANA HAD TOLD MOBUTU THAT THE AMERICANS HAD TRIED TO SABOTAGE THE LAST PARIS CLUB MEETINGS AND HAD PROBABLY IMPLIED THAT WE WERE BEHIND THE MCNAMARA LETTER, NGUZA'S REPORT OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WE BELIEVE, WENT FAR TOWARD BALANCING WHATEVER IMPRESSION BISENGIMANA MAY HAVE LEFT WITH MOBUTU. THAT SAMBWA HAS NOW BEEN CHOSEN TO FOLLOW UP ON THE NGUZA TRIP IS AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO REPAIR RELATIONS WITH THE WORLD BANK AND TO ANSWER THE HARD QUESTIONS THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES CURRENTLY ASK SEEMS TO US TO BE A GOOD SIGN. WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WORK CLOSELY WITH THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER AGENCIES TO COORDINATE SAMBWA'S SCHEDULE, AND TO USE HIS PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON TO FURTHER OUR OVERALL STRATEGY VIS-A-VIS ZAIRE.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE, IN VIEW OF SAMBWA'S DEPARTURE FOR LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 20. FYI IN LONDON SAMBWA WILL BE STAYING AT THE PARK TOWERS HOTEL IN THE EVENT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NEED TO GET LAST MINUTE SCHEDULE INFORMATION TO HIM THERE. FINANCE MINISTER BOFOSSA MAY ALSO ACCOMPANY SAMBWA BUT WE WILL HAVE TO CONFIRM LATER.

7. FINALLY, SAMBWA ASKED IF WE HAD HEARD BACK FROM EXIM CONCERNING HIS LAST MESSAGE (REFTEL) ON THE PAYMENT FACILITY. WE HAD TO SAY THAT WE HAD HEARD NOTHING. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY. CUTLER

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